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**GROWING
CONNECTICUT JOBS**



**There's nothing more important
than helping people hold on to their jobs
and helping small businesses create new jobs.**

This continues to be my top priority as your State Senator.

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2012 Jobs & Economic Development Legislation

The legislative session has just ended and one of my primary accomplishments was the passage of **bipartisan jobs legislation** in the Senate. It is my hope that final action on this important legislation will be taken during a special session this summer.



Listening to Drew Fraser during a tour of a Willimantic small business that benefited from jobs legislation passed last fall.

Our bipartisan jobs legislation:

- **Expands existing small business programs to an estimated 3,600 additional state businesses** by raising the limit from 50 to 100 employees for businesses to qualify for loans and grants.
- **Establishes the Unemployed Armed Forces Member STEP-Up program** which will support a business' cost of hiring unemployed veterans during their first 180 days on the job.
- **Creates "Connecticut Made" and "Connecticut Treasures" programs** to promote locally made products and promote the state's cultural, educational and historic attractions.

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Providing Relief at the Pump

This session I helped pass a comprehensive plan that caps the gross receipts tax, strengthens protections against price gouging and requires that savings from the cap get passed along to consumers.

We can't change the price of oil on the international exchange—but we can give our Dept. of Consumer Protection and Attorney General tools to ensure large oil wholesalers don't take advantage of rising prices to unfairly gouge consumers.

